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**Presiding Officers at Regulatory Hearings; Confirmation of Effective Date**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Final rule; confirmation of effective date.

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**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is confirming the effective date of *[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**]*, for the direct final rule that appeared in the **Federal Register** of August 15, 2002 (67 FR 53305). The direct final rule amends the administrative regulations governing who may act as a presiding officer at a regulatory hearing. This document confirms the effective date of the final rule.

**DATES:** Effective date confirmed: *[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the **Federal Register**.]*

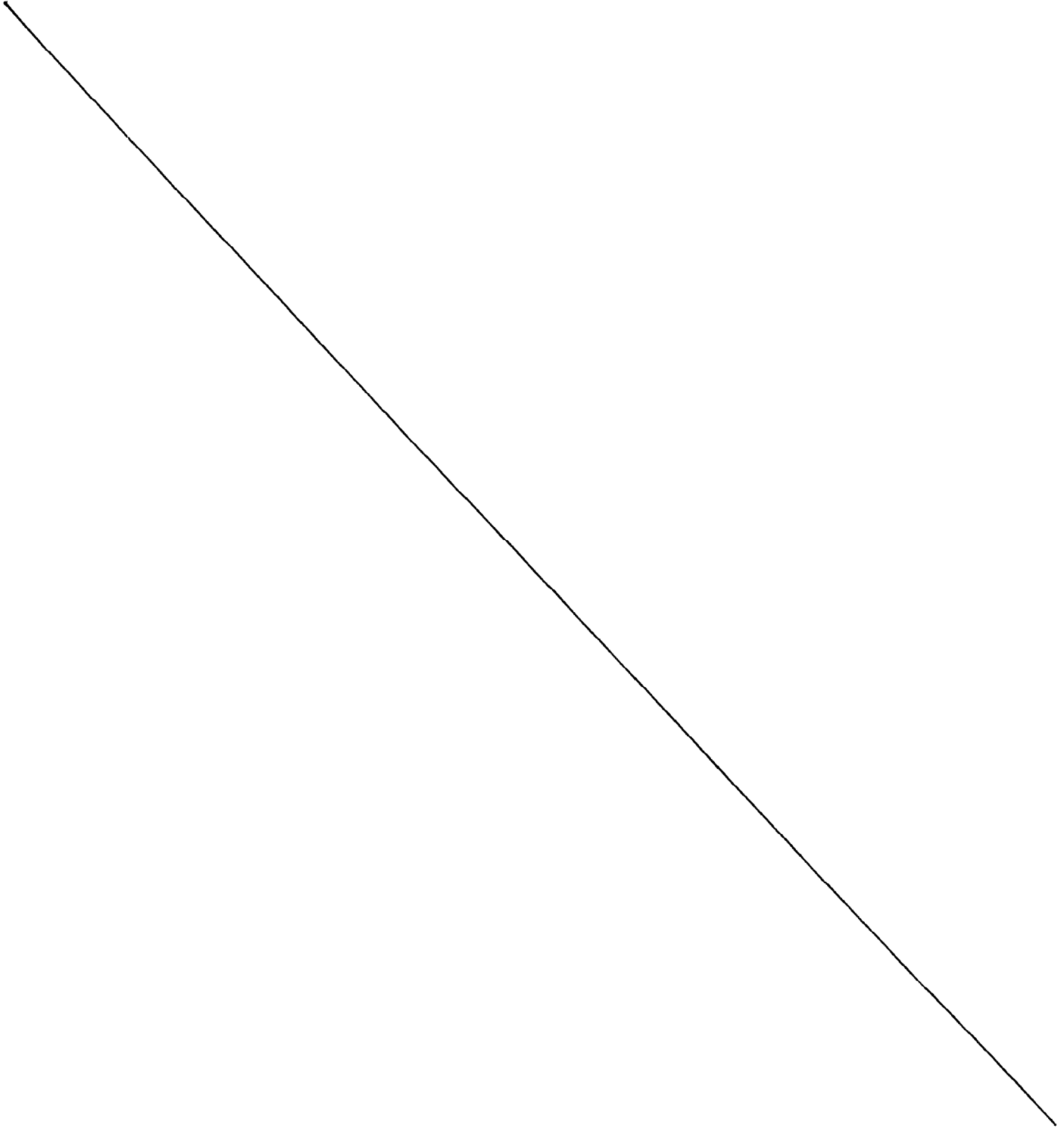
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of August 15, 2002 (67 FR 53305), FDA solicited comments concerning the direct final rule for a 75-day period ending October 29, 2002. FDA stated that the effective date of the direct final rule would be 30 days after the publication of this confirmation document in the **Federal Register**, unless any significant adverse comment was

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submitted to FDA during the comment period. FDA did not receive any significant adverse comments.



Therefore, under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321 et al.), and under the authority delegated to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, the amendments issued thereby will go into effect on *[insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]*.

Dated: 11-26-02  
November 26, 2002.



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